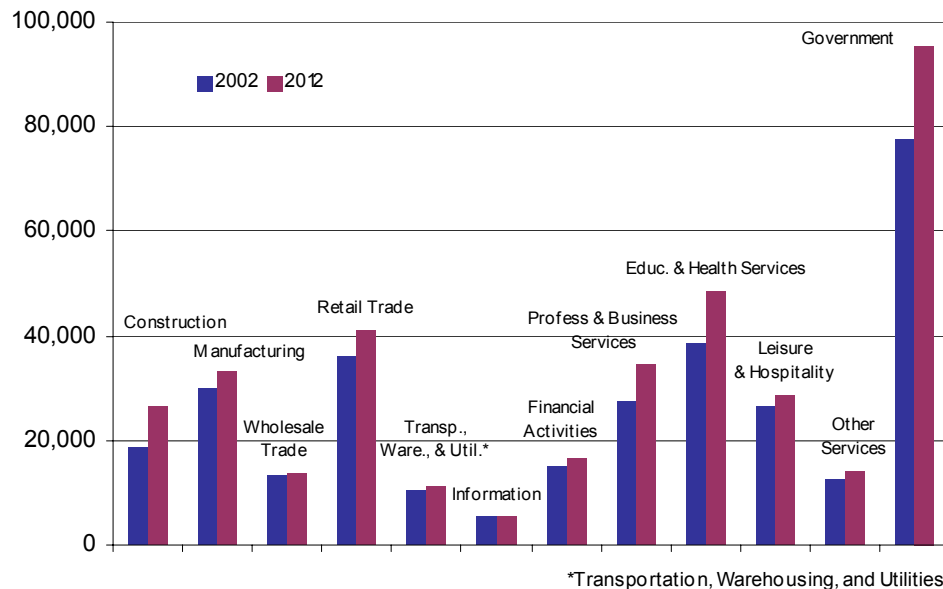


## Fresno and Madera Counties Projection Highlights

### Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Fresno and Madera Counties is expected to grow nearly 2 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. This growth will add almost 58,000 new jobs and bring employment to an estimated 369,400 by 2012. Almost 70 percent of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in State and Local Government (24%), Education and Health Services (17%), Construction (14%), and Professional and Business Services (12%).

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries.



Industries forecasted to grow faster than the region's annual rate include Construction (4.3%), Professional and Business Services (2.6%), and Education and Health Services (2.6%).

### Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Almost 58,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 76,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 134,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate about 53 percent of all job openings in Fresno and Madera Counties during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate almost 72,000 total job openings. The majority of these occupations are entry level such as Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, Food Preparation and Service Workers, and Office Clerks, with wages ranging from \$7-\$11 per hour. Higher-skilled occupations include Registered Nurses, Teachers, General Managers, and Accountants, which pay more than \$20 per hour. All occupations among the top 50 are forecasted to have a minimum of 500 job openings annually.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 3 percent or more. More than half of the occupations are in the Construction and Health fields. Construction-related occupations require moderate to long-term training and pay more than \$15 per hour. Health-related occupational wages are commensurate with education, ranging from \$8 per hour with short-term training to more than \$50 per hour with a professional degree.

